

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

First and second areas are designated in a source picture. A start picture is generated from a portion of the source picture which extends in the first area. An end picture is generated from a portion of the source picture which extends in the second area. At least one third area is designated in the source picture. The third area extends between the first and second areas. An intermediate picture is generated from a portion of the source picture which extends in the third area. An image file of a prescribed format is generated which contains data representative of animation pictures including the start picture, the intermediate picture, and the end picture. The image file is related with an audio file containing data representative of audio information. A file group including the image file and the audio file is generated. The file group is recorded on a recording medium.